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St Cloud Aug 1st 1863

To the Corporate Authorities }
of St Augusta

Sirs

Your note of the 31st came to hand yesterday, and although you refused to receive my billing, your letter to me acknowledges that you did receive the billing, is as good to me as if the same was on file with you

I am somewhat, yes a good deal surprised, by the statement in your letter that I never had an intent in the Town of St Augusta = I suppose that you never examined the Records and don't know what they contain. I besides there are many things not upon the Records that you don't know and then there is the Law under which you act I see you don't know that — And should I find you doing an illegal act I shall have a Mandamus issued upon you ~~as~~ immediately

I don't know what you ~~mean~~ mean when you say that I had no intent = You appear to be very willing to make a assertion whether the same be false or not where J P Wilson is concerned = You will see by the enclosed deed that you have not stated facts that you have not told the truth = It appears to me that you are carrying your prejudice very far, when you have

no intent in them. Set yourself and bet very
little in the Town and that a donation
But I understand you perfectly and cannot
be decided by you # ~~you~~

You know what is right to do,
Now I want to see you show your manhood
and act manly, don't try do what you can't
succeed in doing but act and do what you
know in your heart to be right — don't for
the sake of a few small, almost worthless
town Lots of sand — do a mean act and
one that you will be ashamed of — I consider
that a Man's Honor and reputation is worth
a great deal to him in this world

If you think anything of your own intent in this
matter you will show your manhood —

I have never given you any trouble, but my
rights must and shall be maintained ## It may
take five years to do it, but as I place no
value upon any of the property there and I expect
to get nothing out of it the time will be of little
consequence to me

William A. Corbett

by J. P. Wilson Attorney
in fact